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December 30, 1982

Mr. Harry P. Fouchester, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
Paraho Development Corporation
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Attention: Mr. Robert N. Heistand

RE: Notification of Tentative
Approval of MRP
Paraho-Ute Shale Oil Facility
ACF/047/003
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Fouchester:

This letter is to inform you that on December 30, 1982, the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining concurred with the Division's recommendation to issue tentative approval to Paraho Development Corporation for its Paraho-Ute Shale Oil Facility. The 30-day public comment period should commence as of January 7, 1983. Final approval of this plan cannot be issued until the following conditions are satisfied:

1. No adverse comments to the proposed project are received by the Division during the 30-day public comment period.
2. A performance bond adequate to cover the 318 acre disturbance, attendant activities and surface structures, must be posted and made payable to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining prior to any surface disturbance occurring. The Division has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Division of State Lands (DSL) which requires that the bond amount be agreed upon by DSL also if any State mineral leases are involved (copy attached).
3. A commitment from Paraho to the following is received:
 - A. In the event of vegetative failure and/or evidence of erosion, Paraho will reseed and mulch as necessary. If initial vegetative efforts prove unsuccessful, then Paraho will consult with the Division to develop alternative measures to effect adequate stabilization and protection of the topsoil stockpiles.

Board: Charles P. Henderson, Chairman, John L. Bell, B. Bruce Mathews, Edward F. Beck,
Robert R. Norman, Margaret R. Broome, M. Olsen

cc: Full Staff, Bureau of Oil, Gas and Mining

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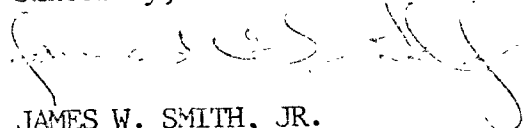
- B. All riprap used to stabilize the southern slopes of topsoil stockpiles (or other topsoil slopes, if applicable) must be removed and disposed of separately prior to any redistribution of the stored topsoil materials.
- C. Paraho has indicated that mined waste rock will be chemically tested according to the Environmental Monitoring Plan (not finalized yet). Paraho should consult with the Division regarding the sampling schedule and chemical parameters to be analyzed prior to implementation of this plan.
- D. Paraho should provide a commitment to develop a suitable interim revegetation seed mix which will be used on all disturbed areas which may require contemporaneous reclamation during the life of project operations.

If Paraho elects to utilize the interim seed list provided for the topsoil stockpiles (see page 6, December 10, ACR response) for contemporaneous reclamation purposes of all other appropriate areas, this would be acceptable to the Division. The detailed plans for the interim reclamation, including the specific seed mix, seeding methods and any additional treatments or amendments must be submitted to the Division at least 60 days prior to planned implementation.

4. All information needs as previously outlined by the Division staff in the ACR reviews must be adequately satisfied within the time frames designated.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself or D. Wayne Hedberg of my staff.

Sincerely,



JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED
LAND DEVELOPMENT

JWS/DWH:btb

cc: Jin Bradley, Utah Energy Office
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